

REGISTER OF CLASSIFICATION DECISIONS

Title of Publication: Bizarre Fetish And Fantasy Issue 23 2006

Other Known Title: Not Stated

Format: Magazine

Director/Author: Joe Priebe

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Country of Origin: USA

Language: English

Applicant: New Zealand Customs Service

Distributor: The Box

Classification:	Objectionable except if the availability of the publication is restricted to persons who have attained the age of 18 years.
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Descriptive Note: Not Applicable.

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Date of direction to issue a label: 21 August 2006

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Excisions: Not Applicable

Reasons for excisions:

Not Applicable

**Summary of reasons
for classification:**

The magazine entitled *Bizarre Fetish And Fantasy Issue 23 2006* is classified as:
Objectionable except if the availability of the publication is restricted to persons who have attained the age of 18 years.

The publication deals extensively with sadomasochism, bondage and discipline and other fetishistic sex practices in an explicit manner. Children and young people do not have the required level of maturity to interpret this material in the adult fantasy context in which it appears. To an adult reader the publication clearly presents sexual activity in association with bondage, humiliation, and the infliction of pain, in the context of consensual and controlled adult sexual fantasy. Younger readers are likely to misinterpret some of the stronger depictions of fetish sex practices, missing the subtleties that are quite apparent to an older reader, and mistakenly glean a reading of eroticised coercive sex. Exposure to sexually explicit material before full maturity is reached is also likely to have a detrimental affect on the formation of sexual identity, sexual expectations and gender roles.

This restriction interferes with the right to freedom of expression as set out in s14 of the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990. This limitation is demonstrably justified in a free and democratic society, given the likely injury to the public good should it be available to children and young people.